

ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT INDICES AND INFORMATION*Ecosystem Goal: Sustainability (for consumptive and non-consumptive uses)***Status of groundfish, crab, salmon and scallop stocks**

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Table 33 summarizes the status of Alaskan groundfish, crab, salmon and scallop stocks or stock complexes managed under federal fishery plans in 2004 from the Annual Report on Status of Stocks available on the web at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reports.htm>

Table 33. Description of major and minor stocks managed under federal fishery management plans off Alaska, 2004. (Major stocks have landings of 200 thousand pounds or greater.)

Stock Group	Number of Stocks and Stock Complexes	Overfishing?					Overfished?					Approaching Overfished Condition
		Yes	No	Not Known	Not Defined	NA	Yes	No	Not Known	Not Defined	NA	
Major	53	0	49	3	1	0	1	31	0	21	0	0
Minor	17	0	9	8	0	0	3	1	0	13	0	0
Total	70	0	58	11	1	0	4	32	0	1	0	0

Four stocks are considered in the overfished category (Bering Sea Tanner crab and Pribilof Island Blue king crab, St. Matthew Island Blue king crab, and BS snow crab). No BSAI or GOA groundfish stock or stock complex is overfished and no BSAI or GOA groundfish stock or stock complex is being subjected to overfishing. Halibut is a major stock (not included in Table 33, since it is jointly managed with the West Coast) that is not considered subject to overfishing. Since 2003, changes to the status of stocks include: BSAI Northern rockfish, three species of the GOA deep water flatfish complex, and GOA flathead sole, were all previously listed as unknown and are now considered not overfished. Many species in Alaska are monitored as part of a group or complex, but are considered individually for the purposes of the report. The overfishing determination for the individual species is listed as “unknown”, but the species’ complex is determined to be “not subject to overfishing” based on the abundance estimates for the entire complex. This determination is applicable for some sharks, skates, sculpins, octopus, and squid complexes in the GOA Groundfish FMP. In the BSAI Groundfish FMP, similar determinations are made for some stocks in the sharks, skates, sculpins, octopus, rockfish, and flatfish complexes.